

Islamic Social Services Association, Inc.

ONE-DAY SEMINAR

Muslims - Their Faith and Culture :

How to give culturally competent and spiritually sensitive services to Muslims.

What: One day seminar for service providers in the field of health, social work, mental health and counseling to help them better understand, service and help their Muslim clients.

Why: With the growing population of Canadian Muslims we are experiencing a growing need to raise level of literacy of the Islamic faith and Muslim cultures within the mainstream service providers. Canadian Muslims are experiencing feelings of alienation, and believe that their way of life is misunderstood and their faith misrepresented which in turn, they conclude, is causing the rise in racist attitudes, fear and hatred against them and their faith. This attitude reflects and impacts on how they relate, perceive and access help from mainstream services.

How: There is an urgent need to dispel this fear by providing an accurate and fair representation of the Islamic faith. ISSA is responding to this critical need by organizing a day long seminar that will educate participants in the basics of the Islamic faith, its nuances, the diversity of the Muslim community, the effects of trauma on refugees, and challenges facing Muslim families, as well as an overview of cultural practices. This seminar will allow service providers the insight and the skills to ensure best practice and offer a spiritually and culturally compatible service to their Muslim clients.

When: Friday, June 15th 2007, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Atco Center, 88 Canada Olympic Rd, Calgary, AB

Faculty:

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*More to be confirmed

Registration: \$100. Includes course material, breakfast and lunch. **Limited Seating.**

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